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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 1994 Annual Convention and Coin Show is now history. You have a new NCNA President and several new officers.

I wish to thank those of you who voted for me.

These are not the brightest times for coin clubs and shows. however, I will do my best to generate more entusiasm and create challenges for outr club.

Please do not hesitate to give me your ideas and suggestions.

I approach my position of leadership with the knowledge that the club belongs to you, with me being only on of your elected officers.

If you would like for me to visit your club, please send me the necessary information and I will try to work it into my schedule.

My address is: Paul Greene, 2313 RAndleman Rd., Greensboro , N.C. 27406. Phone: 910-272-9358

Paul Greene
President

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THE 1994 CONVENTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

NCNA held its 1994 convention at the Holiday Inn Bordeau in Fayetteville between September 9th and 11th. Enclosed are pictures of activity on the bourse floor.

David Porter and Jerry Roughton look at George Roger's material

Kevin Kirkland with a customer

The educational program, "A Look at the Variations in Gobrecht's Seated Liberty Design" was presented by Dr. Robert Izydore of Durham. Bob showed how careful observation shows that not all seated Liberties are the same. He detailed the differences and listed where the different varieties were used. The talk was illustrated by slides showing all the varieties.

John Griffee, Glenn Ivy and Richard Bland at the reception

At the reception on Saturday night awards were presented for the winning exhibit. Best in Show was won by Robert Schreiner of Chapel Hill for his display "Spanish Coins on American Bank Notes."

The H. Fred Simpson, Jr. award for Numismatist of the Year was awarded to John Griffee of Kure Beach.

John Wills presenting H. Fred Simpson, Jr. trophy to John Griffee

New and re-elected officers were sworn in at the end of the reception. The new officers are:

President	Paul Greene, Greensboro
First Vice Pres.	Halbert Carmichael, Raleigh
Second Vice Pres.	Forrest Michael, Lexington
Sec.-Treas.	R. E. Southworth, Greensboro
Directors	Cy Dellinger, Charlotte
	Ted Hendrick, Raleigh
	Robert Schreiner, Chapel Hill

Robert Hoadley has been appointed to fill the remainder of Don Sharpe's term on the board. Don has had to resign for health reasons.

Jim Little, Bob Schreiner, Will Jordan, and Bob Hoadley at the membership meeting on Saturday afternoon

NCNA NEWS

CHARLES KIMBER'S DEATH

NCNA President Charles Kimber died suddenly at his home in Fayetteville on Saturday, August 20, 1994.

Charles was a long-time contributor to the numismatic scene in North Carolina. He had served as President of and bourse chairman for the Cumberland County Coin Club for many years. Charles had also served on the NCNA Board of Directors for a number of years and helped to organize this year's convention in Fayetteville before his untimely death.

We all offer our deepest sympathy to Rita.

JOHN GRIFFEE SPEAKS TO RALEIGH COIN CLUB

John Griffee spoke on the topic "The Battle of Vigo Bay and It's Numismatics Heritage" to the Raleigh Coin Club on November 10, 1994. John told the story of the naval battle between a British fleet and the Spanish treasure fleet and its French-Spanish escort in a bay just north of Portugal. He then passed around samples of the four denominations of coins that the British Royal Mint made from the silver captured after the battle. To add insult to injury, the British put the word "VIGO" under Queen Anne's bust on each coin.

HALBERT CARMICHAEL NAMED NUMISMATIC AMBASSADOR

Krause Publications has named Halbert Carmichael of Raleigh, North Carolina as a Numismatic Ambassador. The plaque was presented by Cliff Mischler at the BRNA Convention in Dalton, Georgia on August 20, 1994.

NCNA SPEAKERS BUREAU

Autence Bason has asked for help in updating the list of possible speakers for the NCNA Speakers Bureau. She is asking for anyone who is willing to speak to clubs around the state and has not already been listed with the Bureau to contact her at Box 21066, Greensboro NC 27420.

She will prepare an up-to-date listing for publication in a future issue of the NCNA Journal.

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but French, for Independence and Liberty," which was seen earlier on the Connecticut coppers.

The good news was that because of increased demand for small change, Harmon signed with Machins Mills to subcontract extra production. The bad news was that Machins Mills overproduced the coins and flooded the markets with under-weight counterfeit coins. This caused such a drop in value that the coppers were unacceptable in the market at any value.

Harmon gave up minting coins and moved to Ohio, where he went into the salt making business. He died in 1806.

Below is a 1778 counterfeit British halfpenny. It was made by the largest, most prolific counterfeiter in the new United States . . . Machins Mills. Who else?

Hard money, small change, was needed for commerce. Although we had recently fought and won our war with England, people still continued to use British halfpennies, state issued or authorized copper, the Federal government's Fugio copper, and several earlier miscellaneous issues.

It must have been very confusing for a merchant or customer with a money box or purse to have ten or fifteen different coppers, some of which were more spendable than others.

Counterfeit coins were everywhere. Some came from England, but many others were made here. From what I have told you previously, I am confident that you would not question the statement that Machins Mill was the acknowledged leader in this infamous field.

The Machins Mills "mint" was built near the Newburgh, New York, on the home site of Capt. Thomas Machin. Samuel Atlee and engraver James Atlee were two of his associates. No coin contracts were received from NY state or the Federal government, but Machins Mills did expand with the agreement from Reuben Harmon for Vermont coppers. They expanded again in July of 1788, when they purchased equipment from Walter Mould's Morristown, NJ mint.

It wasn't the stigma of a counterfeiter, or the law, that did them in. Instead, it was the New York "copper panic" of July 20, 1789. King copper became a pauper, and Machins Mills eventually died on April 3, 1816.

COIN SHOW CALENDAR

LOCAL CHAIRMEN PLEASE NOTIFY THE EDITOR, Box 5625, Raleigh, NC 27650 of your plans as soon as possible to avoid conflicts. Information transmitted in writing is safer, but between issues inquiries and information can be recieved during evening hours at 919-832-4128. or during business hours at 919-828-9450.

DEC

3-4 Shennandoah Valley Coin Club, Augusta Expoland, Fisherville VA, James Ryder, 806 Mona Circle, Staunton VA 24401

10-11 Charlotte Stamp Expo, Days Inn, Woodlawn, Charlotte NC, Richard Canupp, Box 240155, Charlotte NC 25224

10-11 Coliseum Special Event Center, Greensboro NC, James W. Jackson, 2702 Oakcrest Ave., Greensboro NC 27408

JAN

5-9 Florida United Numismatists, Orange County Convention Center, Orlando FL, Cindy Grellman,

20-22 Peach State Coin Coin Show, Galleria Centre, US 41 & I 285, Atlanta, Larry Jackson, Box 76482, Atlanta GA 30358

21-22 Carolina Coin Convention, Holzhauser Bldg, State Fairgrounds Raleigh, Ted Hendrick, Box 12052, Raleigh NC 27605

FEB

17-19 Charlotte Coin Club, Merchandise Mart, Charlotte NC

MAR

11-12 Shennandoah Valley Coin Club, Augusta Expoland, Fisherville VA, Clarence Armstrong, 610 C St., Staunton VA 24401

11-12 Winston-Salem Coin Club, Elks Club, Dale Berube, Box 30106, Winston-Salem NC 27130

17-19 Tennessee State Numismatic Soc, Days Inn, I-75, Ext 1, Chattanooga TN, Terry Hess, Box 831, Clemmons NC 27012

24-26 Model City Coin Club, Civic Auditorium, KIngsport TN, E. S. Stanley, 3737 Hemlock Place, Kingsport TN 37663

24-26 Suburban Coin Show, Convention Center Plaza, Baltimore MD, Gordon Berg , Box 1876, Rockville MD 20850

APR

1-2 Raleigh Coin Club, Holshauser Bldg, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh NC, Halbert Carmichael, Box 5625, Raleigh NC 27650

8-9 Azalea Festival Coin Show, Elks Lodge, Oleander Blvd., Wilmington NC, O. T. Thompson, Box 4243, Wilmington NC 28406

14-16 Provost Guard, Kerbela Temple, Knoxville TN,

MAY

11-14 Georgia Numismatic Assn, Int'l Convention & Trade Center, Sullivan Rd., Jack Hancock, Box 550309, Atlanta GA 30355

JUN

2-4 Parker Coin Club, Holiday Inn, Roper Mtn Rd., Greenville SC, Don McAlister, 2207 W. Park Rd., Greenville SC 29611

16-18 Carolina Coin & Stamp Conventions, Merchandise Mart, Charlotte NC, Ted Hendrick

AUG

16-20 ANA Convention, Convention Center, Anaheim CA,

25-27 BRNA Convention, NW Ga Trade Center, Dalton GA

25-27 Raleigh NC, Ted Hendrick

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You may have noticed the numismatic the items that have been used as cover pictures over the last fourteen years. I have tried to illustrate the variety in our hobby by using different kinds of objects. The four issues in a year have provided room for four items and I have tried to include one U. S. coin, one world coin, one piece of paper money, and one book or exonumia object such as a medal or token.

This issue's photo is what is often considered the most beautiful of United State coins, the Saint-Gaudens double eagle. The use of this design was inspired by President Theodore Roosevelt who felt that United States coinage was too staid and repetitive. He invited one of the country's outstanding sculptors, Augustus Saint-Gaudens, to provide a design inspired by the art of the ancient world.

Saint-Gaudens certainly succeeded and produced a design that was admired, even if the coin never circulated widely. The coin was better art than technology, as the high relief on the first strikes was beautiful to look at but made the coins difficult to stack, thus producing one of the most sought after varieties in 20th Century coinage.

Halbert Carimichael, Editor

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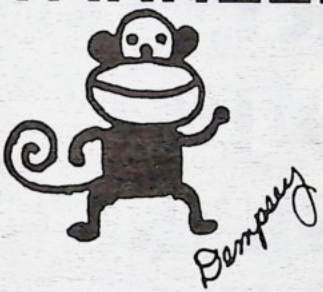

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